

SOME HISTORICAL MATERIAL RELATING TO PROFESSOR S. S. HALDEMAN

Eventually, the activities and lives of our early entomologists are going to be written about more fully, and as the science of entomology becomes older, its devotees will become more conscious of its historical background. For this reason it is desirable to place on record the ownership and location of collections of letters, manuscripts, etc., which future historians will need to utilize. One of such collections is in the possession of Mr. Albert E. Lownes, of Providence, R. I., and Mr. Lownes has kindly permitted me to examine it and to make the following annotations. Mr. Lownes purchased this collection at auction some ten or twelve years ago in the shape of an album containing letters addressed to Professor Haldeman, sketches, pieces of manuscripts, etc. This album had been formerly in the possession of Mr. George M. Greene, to whom it had been presented in May, 1920, by Mr. Guy K. Haldeman (Professor Haldeman's grandson). A brief description of its contents follows.

Two engraved portraits of Professor Haldeman, one by A. H. Ritchie and the other by Samuel Sartain. Sartain was a skilled engraver and painter of miniatures and portraits who came to America from London in 1830.

AGASSIZ, LOUIS J. R. (L. S.) Cambridge, Nov. 13, no year.

In this letter Agassiz asks for specimens of three species of Etheastonids for a monograph on which he is working, also for alcoholic larvæ for his son who is interested in insects. He apologizes for his dictated letter, due to the feeble state of his eyes.

AGASSIZ, LOUIS J. R. (A. N. S.)

Written on the top of a four-page printed pamphlet entitled "Directions for Collecting Fishes," Cambridge, 1853.

BAIRD, SPENCER, F. (A. L. S.) Carlisle, April 29, 1846.

Baird apologizes for not calling upon Haldeman and for not getting the insect pins that Haldeman wanted. Mentions John Le Conte, Gould, Storer, Binney, Audubon, and various books.

BINNEY, AMOS. (A. L. S.) Boston, Sept. 15, 1840.

Thanks Haldeman for shells and asks for their history. Mentions death of Dr. C. I. Ward, of Ohio. Also refers to Gould, Lea.

BINNEY, W. G. (A. L. S.) Burlington, N. J., March 21, 1863.

Thanks Haldeman for the loan of shells, now being returned, except for one that was deposited in the Smithsonian Institution.

CHARLESWORTH, EDW. (A. L. S.) Museum York (?), August 31, 1846.

Mentions that he has sent to Dr. Lea, some copies of a prospectus relating to a palaeontological periodical that he is editing and which Haldeman should admire. Subscribers are needed.

COUPER, J. HAMILTON (A. L. S.) Near Darien, Ga., June 10, 1841.

Refers to various shells and their habitats and to the absence of an artist in his neighborhood.

DANA, JAMES D. (A. L. S.) New Haven, Conn., May 10, 1849.

Mentions a long article submitted by Haldeman to Dana and Dana's policy of not accepting, for publication, long articles devoted to descriptions of new species. Dana suggests that Haldeman's paper be published in two parts and expresses the hope that this will not result in hurt feelings.

GIRARD, CHARLES (A. L. S.) Washington, Feb. 7, 1855.

In French.

GOULD, AUGUSTUS A. (A. L. S.) Boston, June 22, 1841.

Sends Haldeman the names of new subscribers.

GRAY, ASA (A. L. S.) Cambridge, March 25, 1863.

Acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Haldeman's gift and promises him any of the Academy's publication that he desires. He returns postage that Haldeman used and expresses regret that Haldeman and his family have suffered from the flood.

HALDEMANN, S. S. (A. M. S.)

"Description of a New Genus of Scarids." Description of *Cryptopus nitens*.

HARRIS, THADDEUS W. (A. M. S.)

"Specimens of Nomadæ in the Collection of T. W. H. lent to Professor Haldeman to be described." A list.

HENTZ, NICHOLAS M. (A. L. S.) Florence, Ala., August 22, 1842.

Mentions a collection of insects being shipped by a boat that will carry it to the mouth of the Tennessee. From there it will be forwarded to Pittsburgh and then to Philadelphia where it is directed to Messrs. Rich'd Paxson & Sons who will deliver it. Camphor was placed in every drawer. Every pin was secured. Every insect was washed three times in a mixture which Hentz had mentioned in a previous letter. Paper was pasted over every joint and crack. The case was enclosed in a water-tight box.

LEA, ISAAC (A. L. S.) (Philadelphia) May 7, 1860.

Thanks Haldeman for a tracing made from a Rafinesque manuscript and for a reference. Mentions Say, Rafinesque, Binney, and scientific matters.

LECONTE, JOHN E. (A. L. S.) New York, November 29, 1858.

As for news about Haldeman and other entomologists. Mentions his son John, in California, and his several hundred new species, also the fact that John had found all Eschscholz's species except three. Asks if Academy had received any insects from John Bell. John E. LeConte was a coleopterist and the father of John L. LeConte.

LECONTE, JOHN L. (A. L. S.) Philadelphia, Feb. 18, 1857.

Inquires about Haldeman, also of Horace. Mentions a trip south which his father expects to take and hopes that he can pay Haldeman a visit before spring. Requests that Haldeman have forwarded a letter addressed to John LeConte presumably in the Columbia Post Office.

MELSHEIMER, F. E. (A. L. S.) Dover, York County, April 8, 1853.

Acknowledges letter from Haldeman. Speaks of having been ill during the winter of 1852 and during much of the previous summer and autumn. This illness kept him away from entomological matters, etc. States that he has not been in York since Dr. LeConte left insects in care of Mr. Ziegler, etc. Ends with "God bless you."

MORRIS, JOHN G. (A. L. S.) Philadelphia, May 10, no year.

Morris mentions his visit to New York. Expects to see Haldeman next week. Asks him to prepare a letter to Morton, the librarian of the Academy.

MOTSCHULSKY, VICTOR I. (A. L. S.) St. Petersburg, May 28, 1859.

In French.

OSTEN-SACKEN, BARON R. (A. L. S.) Washington, Oct. 24, (1856?).

Asks if Haldeman had received a previous letter relative to Neuroptera desired by Dr. Hagen.

RAFINESQUE, C. S. (A. M. S.).

"On a new Salamander and a new Stello from Kentucky," discovered in 1823. Second page contains a poem that appears to be in Rafinesque's handwriting.

SAY, LUCY (A. L. S.) New Harmony, Apr. 13, 1840.

Relates to shells.

SCHAUM, HERMAN R. (A. L. S.) New Orleans, April 3, 1848.

In German.

SILLIMAN, JR. B. (A. L. S.) Louisville, Ky., February 23, 1854.

Refers to a manuscript on the numerals of the Waco Indians sent to Haldeman by Silliman.

STURM, J. H. C. (A. N. S.)

Inscription on a pamphlet about beetles, Nürnberg, Dec. 10, 1861.

TRYON, GEORGE W., JR. (A. L. S.) Philadelphia, Oct. 31, 1863.

Relates to shells. Wants photograph of Haldeman in exchange for his own which is enclosed. Written on a letter-head of Tryon & Brother, "Wholesale Gun Dealers," of Philadelphia.

VAUX, WILLIAM S. (A. L. S.) Philadelphia, March 27, 1868.

Refers to express package containing parts of Journal, new series.

ZIEGLER, DANIEL (A. L. S.) York, Pa., Oct. 13, 1848.

Describes *Cryptoceph. venustus* and *C. ornatus*.

Original paintings for plates 6, 9, 12, 15, 26, 32, 33, 35 and 36, for Say's "Entomology," by Peale, LeSueur, Wood, and Bridport, with uncolored proofs of 26, 32, 33, 35 and 36.

Thirteen drawings by Joseph Leidy, one by W. W. Wood, and twenty-three by unnamed artists, principally of insects.

Thirty original paintings by Helen E. Lawson for Haldeman's "Monograph of Limniades," etc. Two title-pages for this work and proof of one engraving.

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